

FRANKLIN LEARNING CENTER

Learning Activity Packet

Subject:

Course #

LAP #

Title:

Standards:

5.3.9. Explain the election process and political parties' role

5.2.9. Explain the importance of the political process to competent and responsible participation in civic life.

A. **Introduction:** Students will research a candidate's stand on an issue and create promotion for the candidate based on the issue. Students will use a wiki to collect and organize information and to collaborate. The students will choose the means by which to present their promotional pieces.

B. Behavioral Objectives

1. Research a political candidate's position on a selected issue
2. Investigate the importance of issue and its role in the election
3. Collaborate with another student on the issues
4. Create a promotion for a presidential candidate focusing on one issue

C. Vocabulary

- Platform
- Plank
- Interest group
- Sound bite
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D. Activities / Projects

1. Activity 1- Research and analyze the candidate's position on a specific issue
2. Activity 2 Organize and record the candidate's position on the PBL wiki Project 1
 - Connect the position to specific voter and interest groups
 - Assess the importance of the issue in key states
3. Activity 3-Collaborate with another student on the issues (using the wiki discussion tab)
4. Activity 4-Project-Create one component of a political campaign supporting either John McCain or Barak Obama
 - Create one of the following reflecting the candidate's position:
 - Campaign speech
 - 30 campaign ad
 - Editorial
 - Political Cartoon
 - Video
 - Podcast
 - Other

E. **Resources-** Internet sites and resources, PBL wiki

F. Assessment Rubric

- Activity 1 Assessment-observation of student, in class observation
- Activity 2 Assessment of notes on wiki
- Activity 3 Review of discussions on the wiki, assess the quality of the discussion
- Project Rubric-content based